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1. DURING RECENT CALLS OF CONSUL GENERAL AND VISITING AMERICAN OFFICIAL ON MINPRES ARRON, ECONMIN BRUMA AND DEVELOPMENT MIN CAMBRIDGE, THESE DELEGATES TO REALM CONFERENCE ON SURINAM INDEPENDENCE EXPRESSED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH TALKS AND ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH THEY CONDUCTED. THEY OPTIMISTIC THAT REMAINING QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED HERE MAY 14 TO 21 CAN BE RESOLVED WITHOUT RANCOR.

2. MAJOR RESIDUAL ITEM IS EXTENT OF DUTCH DEVELOPMENT AID AND LENGTH OF COMMITMENT. GOS, ACCORDING ARRON, IS DEMANDING MINIMUM OF SF 4.5 BILLION OVER 10 YEARS (SCALED DOWN FROM SF 8.6 OVER 30 YEARS) WHILE DUTCH OFFERING NF 2 BILLION OVER 15 YEARS. OTHER IMPORTANT POINT ON MAY 14 AGENDA INVOLVES CITIZENSHIP AND ACCESS OF SURINAMERS TO HOLLAND AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

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EM BRUMA TOLD US GOS DETERMINED TO END KLM MONOPOLY OF HIGHLY PROFITABLE PARAMARIBO-AMSTERDAM ROUTE AND ALSO SERVICE RUN WITH SURINAM FLAG AIRCRAFT, EITHER BY LEASE OR UNDER POOL ARRANGEMENT. HE UNHAPPY THAT WORD OF POSSIBLE WET CHARTER ARRANGEMENT WITH ROYAL JORDANIAN LEAKED PREMATURELY BUT UNCLEAR WHETHER HE INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH IT AFTER FUSS THIS CAUSED IN LOCAL MEDIA.

4. COMMENT: GOS ASSISTANCE DEMANDS AND DUTCH OFFER, AS RE-PRESENTED BY MINISTER PRESIDENT, REMAIN FAR APART. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE ON BASIS OF TWO PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS THAT FORCES OF MODERATION AND GOODWILL WILL PREVAIL IN MAY DESPITE WEEK OF INTENSE HAGGLING IN PROSPECT.

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